

ed, but I did not know it must be so difficult to obtain needed clothing."

Here was a poverty-worn thread that would need strengthening, and the teacher gave it strength. Nothing like a coat sometimes to bind one to a good cause.

And the teacher said something else: "If my scholars are absent, I had better know why."

So he went to Sam Sampson's house again, and Sam was sick. And that gave an opportunity which the teacher improved. While not seriously sick, the scholar was sick enough to be thoughtful about this life and another life. This was the moment of the tender soil, and into it John Hunter dropped the seed of a purpose to lead a new life in Christ.

In all these ways the teacher got a firmer hold on his boys. They got a firmer hold on one another as classmates. A class feeling was developed. To be in "Mr Hunter's" class was not duty so much as privilege, and the members felt it. And then one by one they felt not only the strain of the cords binding them to the teacher and one another, but there were cords reaching to the cross and holding them close to it.—*Rev. Edward A. Rand, Watertown, Mass.*

Children's Department.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Dear Boys and Girls:—We have received still more dimes since we last reported to you. Following is the list of names:

Lillie Beal, McLean, Ohio,	\$.05
Ben McCoy, Washington C. H., O.,	.05
Lloyd E. Hang, Louisville, O.,	.10
Agnes Heiney, Mt. Etna, Ind.,	.10
Ethel Atwood, Beaver City, Nebr.,	.10
Paul R. Atwood, Beaver City, Nebr.,	.10
Inez Fisher, Mexico, Ind.,	.10
Roman E. Buterbaugh, Minburn, Ia.,	.10
Pearlie Keller, Falls City, Nebr.,	.10
Willie Keller, Falls City, Nebr.,	.10
Previously acknowledged.	23.60

\$24.50

Dear Editor:—This is my first attempt to write for the paper. I became a member of the Brethren Church about six weeks ago. I was baptized by Rev. Hopkins. He organized a K. C. of C. E. for us. They thought me worthy to be their president. I find it no easy task but I resolved to do the best I can for the society. We have about thirty-five members. Our secretary is Dora Grandstaff. Our instructor is Mrs. Edwards. We meet every Sunday evening at six o'clock.

Loree, Ind.

NANCY SUTTON.

Dear Editor:—This is my first attempt to write for the EVANGELIST. Our K. C. Society appoints some one to write at stated times. I was to write this week. We have a real nice society with sixty members. Our officers for the year

are as follows: President, Geo. Hoppe; Vice President, Jake Wicks; Secretary, Rosa Reiger; Treasurer, Charley Glaze; Librarians, Stanley Wicks and Orrville Myers.

We have Sunday-school every Sunday. It is doing a good work. Our K. C. Society is going to have a collection ready in two weeks for the benefit of Brother McFaden's mission. Mr. Burnsworth is our pastor. He preaches every other Sunday morning and evening. We also have preaching every other Sunday by a Methodist minister. I will close. Hoping to hear from other societies,

KATE WICKS.

Preston, Nebr.

(We are glad to see you interested in the Mission work. The K. C. societies will do a great amount of good by helping to support the Mission in Chicago.—ED.)

Dear Editor:—This is my second attempt to write for the paper. We have church every two weeks. S. B. Grisso is our pastor. We like him very well. He just closed a three weeks' meeting with nine additions. We have no S. S. at the present but will have from the first of April on. I go to school and have six studies. We have lots of fun since we have snow coasting down hill. I will send ten cents for the Chicago Mission. I will close by asking a question. Who was the best man we read about in the New Testament?

DAVID GRUBB.

North Liberty, O.

Dear Editor:—I am a little boy seven years old. I thought I would write a few lines for the EVANGELIST. I go to school every day. I like my teacher. I will send ten cents for the Chicago Mission as there are so many other boys and girls sending something. My papa and mamma and oldest sister belong to the Brethren Church.

ROMAN E. BUTERBAUGH.

Minburn, Iowa.

Dear Editor:—I will send ten cents to the Chicago Mission. We live two miles and a half from the Brethren Church. I go to S. S. almost every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Crawford. I think she is a very good teacher. Our pastor is Brother Forney. I will be eight years old soon.

PAUL R. ATWOOD.

Beaver City, Nebr.

Dear Editor:—I will write a few lines for the Children's Column. This is my first attempt. I am eight years old. I love to read the children's letters. I will send ten cents for the Chicago Mission.

AGNES HEINEY.

Mt. Etna, Ind.

Dear Editor:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Department. I go to school almost every day. My teacher's name is Leander Stoner. I like him very much. Brother Shaver, of Maurertown, Va., is our pastor. I think Brother Shaver is a good man. Please find enclosed ten cents for the Chicago Mission.

LLOYD E. HANG.

Louisville, O.

Dear Editor:—Papa and mamma have gone to prayer-meeting. My sister and I stayed at home to keep the baby. The subject is "The Life of Abraham." My father is pastor of the Brethren Church at Falls City. Every other Sunday church is in town. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. I go to the K. C. every Friday evening. We meet at Mr. Horner's in our next meeting. I will send ten cents for the Chicago Mission work,

and I will also ask a question. Who made a new cart that displeased God? I will close.

WILLIE KELLER.

Falls City, Nebr.

Dear Editor:—This is my first attempt to write to the EVANGELIST. Papa and mamma have gone to prayer-meeting. Their subject tonight at prayer-meeting is "The Life of Abraham." I go to Sunday-school and school every day I can. My papa and mamma belong to the Brethren Church, and my brother and myself belong to it too. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Miss Anna Shafer. I save all my Sunday-school papers, and when I get enough I will make a book out of them. Then I can read them. In December papa held a series of meetings and ten were received into the church. I will send ten cents for the Chicago Mission work. I will close by asking a question. Who asked a woman to bake him a little cake?

PEARLIE KELLER.

Falls City, Nebr.

Dear Editor:—I will write and tell you about the K. C. of C. E. meeting at Mexico. I think each meeting becomes more interesting. We have meeting every two weeks. We organized our K. C. of C. E. meeting in November. I hope it will progress. We have about thirty members. The name of our president is Laura Greer and the name of our secretary is Stella Bair. I think our children's page is improving. Inclosed find ten cents for Chicago Mission. I will be twelve years old to-morrow. I will answer Vesta Ury's question. Christ was seen ten times after he arose from the grave. I would like to see more letters from Roann and from Twelve Mile. Which is the longest Book in the Bible?

INEZ FISHER.

Mexico, Ind.

I KNOW A THING OR TWO.

"My dear boy," said a father to his only son, "you are in bad company. The lads with whom you associate indulge in bad habits. They drink, smoke, swear, and I am afraid they gamble. They are not safe company for you. I beg you to quit their society."

"You needn't be afraid for me, father," replied the boy laughingly. "I guess I know a thing or two. I know how far to go and when to stop."

The lad left his father's house twirling his cane in his fingers and laughing at the "old man's notions."

A few years later and that lad, grown to manhood, stood at the bar of a court, before a jury which had brought in a verdict of guilty against him for some crime in which he had been concerned.

Before he was sentenced he addressed the court and said, among other things: "My downward course began in disobedience to my parents. I thought I knew as much as my father did, and I spurned his advice; but as soon as I turned my back upon my home temptations came upon me like a drove of hyenas and hurried me into ruin."

Mark that, boys, you who think you are wise enough to do without father's advice. Don't disobey your parents; I beg of you, don't.—*Youth's Temperance Banner.*